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My dear Countrymen,

GIVE me leave to account you with plain Reason, and to offer my Sentiments upon the present Affairs of this City without any Sophistry or Logick.

It was remark'd of the antient native *Irish*, that they were so possess'd and intoxicated with After-sight, they never could look before, by which they blunder'd on incessantly to their Ruin: God forbid, this Temper should be modify'd by an Influence of this Air, tho' I fear, it is; for when we remove here from *England* and remain here for some Years, our native Plainness, and our Spirit of Liberty wears off, and by the second or third Generation, at farthest, a true Genuine *Irish* Spirit is imbibed, *viz.* to be all Lords, or all Vassals; but I hope this City of *Dublin*, which is the Metropolis of this Kingdom, will mend our Manners, and set an Example

ample for all other *Boroughs* and *Counties* in the Election of Members to represent them in Parliament, that the sweet Spirit of Liberty, which is dreaded to be in a faint Condition elsewhere, may be revived and establish'd here, where it is as much to be Coveted, as in any Nation upon Earth.

Gentlemen, Don't shut your Eyes against the Light, nor stop your Ears against Truth, but allow yourselves the common Benefit of the Senses; then, if *Beer* and *Brandy*, or *Envy* or *Malice*, or even *Necessity* will sway you to give your Votes contrary to your Reason, and the Welfare of your Country, *in the name of God*, Confess it fairly, and don't act Creepingly with so much Disingenuity and Dishonour, as to say (in the common Phrase) that you Vote according to your Conscience, which cannot give Testimony against you; for if the poor confined Conscience be permitted to Declare, it will confront many an Elector, and make him blush to see himself proved to be no *Freeman*, but a Vassal and a Traitor to his Country, and therefore no ways intitled to a Vote according to the essential Institution of Elections.

The Affairs of this City are now carried on with some Warmth, which is so best; tho' some People, under the Colour of Moderation, would insinuate that it is wrong, and every Man living will preach the same plausible Doctrine, who is in Possession of another Man's Rights or Liberty; *Gentlemen*, 'tis easy to preach Patience to a Man in Pain! a *Tyrant* may easily bid his *Slaves* be quiet; but who would be quiet, while he could help himself; or was it ever known, that an usurp'd Power was wrested from a *Tyrant*, or a lost Liberty regain'd, but by Warmth, and by a resolute Struggle.

As to the present Candidates for this City, I Declare, Solemnly, that I have no personal Acquaintance or Connection with any of them, and therefore can have neither Pique or Friendship to govern me; but I am assured that they are all Men of unblemish'd Characters; and were I to consult my own private Interest, which my Wife and Children would strenuously recommend, I should certainly go with the Man of most Power and Money; but I think my Country, my Posterity, and my own future Ease and Safety a more preferable Consideration, and of much more utility to me in the main, than any little present Phantom of Lucre, that I may vainly and idly propose

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to myself, which can be but Temporary at best, and which certainly must be very precarious, as it must be impossible for any Man's Power or Fortune to supply mine and every other *Elector's* Wants, or to perform all the Promises that are made or insinuated upon these Occasions ; so that I think the most Stable Advantages for me to pursue, and to build upon, are the real innate Virtues and Abilities of a Representative, which is an inexhaustible Fund, that he, as the Sun does its Heat, can communicate Diffusively to the whole Society ; and from this Merit of a Representative, we can never doubt of a sufficient Influence to obtain a fit Provision in some shape for the Distressed, who are always the Objects of a good Mind ; and also to find out Ways and Means to promote and encourage *Trades* and *Manufactures* for the good of the whole, which is preferable to the art of Conferring some few Places and Employments on certain *Favourites* and *Parasites*, who are always the Attendants of Wealth and Power, being the *Vultures of the State*, whose Occupation is to blindfold the People for the Promoting and Securing an impregnable Power to their Patrons.

Gentlemen, Why should we let this dangerous Mist so overcast our Eyes, that we must not see what is every Day before us ? Don't we always see those Bows and Gringes, and Promises vanish, after the *Member* is elected ? Who do we see mended or enriched when the *Job* is over ? Must not every Man then put his Hand in his Pocket, *Touch Pot, touch Penny* ? Where is all the *Beer* and *Brandy* now ? Where are the *Bows* and *Promises* ? No ! my dear Friends, 'tis only Chaff ; for my part, I don't recommend *L-c's* to any Man, but I myself do Vote for him, tho' I protest I never spoke a Word to him in all my Life ; but his Character is such, both from his Enemies, and his Friends, that I must think him the very Man that any *City* or *County* upon Earth should be proud to have for a Representative : This is no Affair to be slightly considered ; put *L-c's* Virtues and Abilities in one Scale, and his Vices and Foibles in another ; then let every *Elector* examine his own private Conscience ; this is the Touchstone ; and until we do this, we do nothing at all ; is it not admitted that he is *Human*, *Benevolent* and *Charitable* to a high Degree, to the utmost of his Power ? But still it is objected, that he is too enter-
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prizing and turbulent, viz. he is very troublesome to the Board of *A—n*, and to every Man who engrosses *unjust Power*, or abuses a *Trust*; Pray is not this the very Man we want? who else beside *L-c-s* has, or shews an *Ability*, *Activity*, or *Disposition* to cast this jealous Eye upon Power? Surely if the *Freemen* will let things go on in their present common Course, they can never expect any Redress, but rather a further Encroachment until they are Abolish'd at last, as their Interest is now in the direct gradual Decay, by which Liberty has evermore been utterly lost; therefore, as I see no Prospect of Redress, but in *L-c-s*, I think it Demonstrable that the *Freemen* must be actually mad, if they do not set him up as their *Tribune*; for it is clear that it was in some people's power to give *L---*s a sop before now, if he was found Corruptible, and that it was attempted; but nothing would do; — *L--s* was still the same Man; he could brook no Encroachment, or abuse of Power, or give up the Priviledges of the *Freemen*; therefore an *A—n* that would vote for *L---*s, must be out of his senses; why then, of course a Freeman, that does not vote for him, must be mad, and blind to his own Interest.

What *stuff* is it to say, that *L--s* has not a fortune to resist Temptation; surely this piece of *Stuff*, urged against him, will never weigh with any thinking Man, that knows or ever heard of *L--s*, whose Contempt of *base begotten Wealth*, whose Thirst for *Fame*, and whose publick disinterested *Spirit* must hold him up to the Principles that he has evermore avow'd and practiced, very often and frequently to his own Detriment: God forbid that *virtue* should be confined to *Gilded Coaches* alone; I dare say that many an Elector with a small Competency, much inferior to Mr. *L---*s, would think himself as honest a Man, and as good proof against Corruption, as the richest and proudest Man in the Land; but if virtue be found only with the *Wealthy* and the *High*, then let *L--s* drop, as no Scrutiny can hold in such Case, but about the *Rent-roles*, the *Solvency of the Tenants*, the *Deeds of Mortgages*, and the *Solvency of the Debtors*: O! the spurious Principles! O! the degenerate rotten Age! Were not Men in Golden times brought from the Plough, and the Spade to retrieve States? were not *Boroughs* obliged to maintain their Representatives? and

and then it was that Corruption was kept out of Doors? Was not Liberty always recovered by active enterprising Men of small Fortunes, when the Wealthy and the Powerful were found the Bane of Liberty and Contentment; tho' no Body will Satisfy some People here amongst us, but the Wealthy and the Powerful. *O! beware of false Prophets.*

R There is one Reason above all Reasons, which is the true Reason of Reasons, that must weigh with all good Protestants, and with all Lovers of the *Revolution* and its happy Effects, which is, that it is manifest, that most of the *Men in Power*, and most of the *Aldermen*, and most of the *Papists* all over this Kingdom, are against *L---s*; then let the World judge, if this be not a fundamental Reason for all Freemen to vote for him, and it is to be wished, that the City of *Dublin* will take Example by the Borough of *Lynn*, who, growing jealous of the Measures then in Vogue, have insisted upon their Representative, and wou'd return no other. *Quæ nec Jovis ira, nec ignis, &c.*

But suppose that Mr. *L---s* should hereafter fail us, as there is no infallible Certainty for any thing that is human; no Freeman can then blame himself, as he certainly has acted upon the most feasible Scheme; and even in Case of a Disappointment in *L---s*, a Freeman can say that he is even then not a bit worse than he was before.

But to sum up the whole; as *L---s* is evidently the best Writer upon Publick Affairs, that ever we had in this Kingdom, not excepting the late Rev. Dean; every thing being duely Consider'd; And as he seems to be one of the best Orators, that ever this Kingdom produced; and as he shews a Publick disinterested Spirit as ever appeared here, or in any other Country: And as he Promises every thing that is good and great in a Representative, from the strongest Indications of an exalted Genius, which is evident from the Remark, That the sure Sign of a great Genius is, that the quibbling Dunces are always barking at him; for all the above Reasons I say, I Vote for Mr. *Charles Lucas*; tho' I might Delude myself, as well as others, with vain idle Prospects of serving myself more by voting for another; but this Delusion will never prevail but with weak Minds, who are never enlighten'd, tho' they shou'd find themselves every Year of their Lives deceived.

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